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INDUSTRIAL SITES ADDED TO U.S. WORLD HERITAGE GAP LIST

A number of SIA members were among the hundreds of professionals and experts who provided feedback to the U.S. National Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (US/ICOMOS) on the development of a list of potential properties to help guide future World Heritage Site nominations. The study was undertaken with the support of the National Park Service (NPS), which makes official nominations to the World Heritage Tentative List on behalf of the United States. The U.S. Tentative List was last updated in 2008.

The purpose of the “gap” report was to identify themes or clusters of property types that are underrepresented on the World Heritage Tentative List and which could better represent the breadth of U.S. heritage. Pat Martin [SIA Executive Secretary] served on the US/ICOMOS Thematic Consultation Subcommittee.

The theme of “Innovation, Invention, Technology, Modernist Legacy and Recent History” encompasses about a dozen sites of IA interest that might move onto the World Heritage Tentative List. Skyscrapers, bridges, mining and industrial complexes, and space exploration sites emerged as areas of particular interest. Sample properties recommended for consideration include the “Chicago cluster” skyscrapers, the Chrysler Building, the Empire State Building, the Kennedy Space Center (Cape Canaveral), the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, and the Brooklyn Bridge.

The full gap report is available from Issuu (www.issuu.com) as a digital on-line document; search on “US/ICOMOS Gap Report.” Information on the multi-step World Heritage Site listing process can be found at www.usicomos.org/about/u-s-world-heritage-tentative-list-update-resource-center/.

NPS has indicated that it will be working on a short

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Brooklyn Bridge (tour site—1973 and 2002 Annual Conferences, Brooklyn). Potential World Heritage Site listing is being considered.

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- Needed: Local SIA Tour Coordinators
- Casting a Boxpok Driver
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- Job Opening: *SIAN* Editor

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CALENDAR

2016

July 28–31: Petroleum History Symposium, Casper, Wyo. Paper sessions and field trips to the Black Gold Byway, Salt Creek oil field, and Teapot Dome. Info: <http://petroleumhistory.org>.

Sept. 4–14: Assn. for Industrial Archaeology Annual Conference, Telford, England, U.K. Tours include Grange Colliery, Wappenshall Canal basin, Iron Bridge, and Ditherington Flax Mill. Info: <http://industrial-archaeology.org>.

Sept. 14–22: World Canal Conference, Inverness, Scotland, U.K. Info: <https://wccscotland.com>.

Sept. 30–Oct. 2: Workshop for the History of Environment, Agriculture, Technology & Science (WHEATS), New Brunswick, N.J. Info: www.wheats2016.wordpress.com

Oct. 20–22: Society for the Preservation of Old Mills (SPOOM) Annual Conference, Dayton, Ohio. Info: www.spoom.org.

Oct. 28–30: SIA FALL TOUR, FOX RIVER VALLEY, WIS. Based out of Green Bay. Info: www.sia-web.org [tour registration materials will be sent to members over the summer].

Oct. 30–Nov. 2: Assn. for Preservation Technology International Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas. Info: www.apti.org.

Nov. 15–18: National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference, Houston, Texas. Info: <http://pastforwardconference.org/pastforward2016/>.

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Jan. 4–8: Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Conference, Fort Worth, Texas. Info: <http://sha.org/conferences/>.

Apr. 19–22: National Council on Public History Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, Ind. Info: <http://ncph.org/conference/2017-annual-meeting/>.

June 7–11: Society of Architectural Historians Annual Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, U.K. Info: www.sah.org/conferences-and-programs/2017-conference-glasgow. ■